geothermal energy are also in progress.

Drilling to find out oil

169. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places where the ONGC has undertaken the work of drilling to find out the oil in different States so far; and

(b) the names of the places where drilling work is likely to be undertaken during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) ONGC has so far undertaken drilling for oil in the following basins :

Cambay, Kutch-Saurashtra, Rajasthan, Upper Assam Platform, Assam-Arakan Fold Belt, Bengal, Himalayan Foothills, Ganga Valley and Cauvery-Krishna-Godavari.

(b) During 1986-87 drilling is planned in all the above basins.

Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

170. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for setting up of the Bakreshwar thermal power project is likely to be finalised during the current year; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) The Bakreshwar thermal power project in the State sector has been techno-economically approved by the Central Electricity Authority. An investment decision can be taken after forest clearance from the West Bengal State Forest Department has been received, coal linkage has been established, and the funding pattern has been determined.

Flouting of reservation laws by Multinational Companies

171. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "MNCs flouting tooth-paste, powder reservation laws" as reported in the "Economic Times" dated the 18th June, 1986; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Marketing of products made by small scale units does not constitute violation of the policy of reservation of items for manufacture in the small scale sector.

Consultancy advice to Public Sector Units

172. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a joint venture company to be formed with 51 per cent equity participation by a US Company of non-resident Indians and 49 per cent participation by domestic public sector units for the purpose of giving consultancy advice to the Public Sector units to enable them to perform well; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.K. TEWARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal envisages setting up a joint venture company with equity participation from some of the selected public undertakings along with a new company formed by non-resident Indians. The administrative Ministries of certain public sector undertakings in sectors like power, coal, heavy engineering, railways, petroleum have been requested to advise a few undertakings accordingly. The scope of specialised services to be obtained from the joint venture shall be defined and quantified in consultation with the Chief Executives of public sector undertakings. Payment of fees by the concerned undertakings will depend upon the scope of services rendered by the proposed company.

Foreign collaboration for car manufacture

173. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the proposals for manufacture of cars with foreign collaboration cleared by the Union Government so far;

(b) what are the details thereof giving name of the foreign collaboration, capacity, estimated demand of cars, outflow of foreign exchange for imports of components etc. in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that some more proposals are under Government's consideration, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the total capacity for manufacturing of cars would be more than the estimated demand when all the proposals are cleared by the Government, if so, the relevant details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Statement-I is enclosed.

(c) Statement-II is enclosed.

(d) The demand factor is taken into consideration while deciding the proposal.